

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
July 13, 2009
District Office 6:00 PM**

Call to Order – Commissioner Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call – Chris Demers (Commissioner), Rosalie Farr (Commissioner), and Beverly Jacobs (Commissioner).

Residents in Attendance – Edward Rajsteter, Fred Harris, Pauline Bonanno, Beverly Hasbrouck, Donald Hasbrouck, Gail Herdman, Charles Herdman, June Soule, Brad Farr, Annemarie Godston, Joel Godston, Tony Salvucci, Kerry McCall, Sarah Dynia, Bruce Starer, Sybil Owens, Beverly Eighmy, and Tom Eighmy.

Guest – Paul Johnson, Security

Minutes of Previous Meeting (06.08.09) – Christopher Demers made a motion to review the minutes. Don Hasbrouck made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Rosalie Farr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

1. District

a. Security - Commissioner Rosalie Farr introduced Paul Johnson to residents in attendance to the Commissioners Meeting. His references included Grafton County Commissioner Ray Burton, Wal-Mart, and Co-worker Kerry McCall.

Paul Johnson informed residents that he would be checking vehicles for the Mt. Lakes permit at the beach, especially in the evening after the lifeguards have left. He will also drive throughout the District and report anything that is not as it should be.

Beverly Eighmy requested that he also inform ATV riders that it is not legal to ride anywhere in the District of Mt. Lakes, and ask them to leave because they are causing severe erosion on the former ski slope. If possible, take names, phone numbers, and registration information. Rosalie Farr suggested that violators be informed where they can legally ride their ATVs.

**b. District Report –
District Report Submitted by Renee Cota**

The water budget is currently at 54 % left in the total budget, which is 4% under budget. Water rental is at 47%, which is 3% over budget, but as we saw this past weekend with the immediate detection and repair of a major break on Bear Road, it will only cost about \$200 toward additional water. By the end of July, we will again be under budget in the purchase of

water. The cost of repairing the break is covered in our budget and should not put us over budget for the year.

Payment for the 2009-2010 water bills has steadily increased, but there is still \$19,000 to collect.

The Town of Haverhill has forwarded the 1st of 2 tax payments.

The District added much needed sand to the beach as rocks were beginning to show through. \$1,100 was spent on sand and labor. Funds came out of line item 5082-2 beach/pool in the budget. The application for the permit is in process.

The annual audit lasted for two days and went very well. The Commissioners all met with the auditors and we will receive the report soon.

c. d. Maintenance Report – submitted by Don Drew

One of the most important items on the project list for the past month is the pool. We have the pool in compliance with both federal and state regulations. We will be starting the heater this week and will bring the water temperature up only a few degrees to help make the propane last until fall time.

The lodge roof has been completed and looks very good. We have some painting and repairs to do to the building and decks that we are going to schedule to be started later this week and next week, weather permitting. Painting and some repairs at the district Office will be ongoing this summer.

Resident, Sybil Owens suggested that the solar cover be put over the pool every night to save on propane. The Commissioners said that two lifeguards are necessary to put the cover on and on the evenings when the pool stays open until 7:00 PM there is only one lifeguard on duty. Sybil Owens also requested that the pool light be repaired.

2. Water Committee Update –

a. **Water Usage** – Tony Salvucci reported that water usage in June 2008 was 39,573 gallons purchasing 22,000 gallons from Woodsville Water and Light. June 2009 usage was 23,577 gallons, purchasing 900 from Woodsville Water and Light. This is a vast improvement.

The Water Committee is discussing what the needs of Mountain Lakes will be in the future and where in the District a future source of water may be located. It is recommended that Mountain Lakes take action now rather than wait until there is a need for additional water. If a new source is located, it would not have to be used, but be available if the need arises.

A water level measuring unit has been installed and is working which will prevent filling without wasting.

On August 4th, there was an incident at the pump house. The electrical system malfunctioned affecting the lights, but not the other equipment. It is suggested that a normal routine inspection of the electrical system be implemented.

The Water Committee also recommends that the Planning Board or Maintenance Department work with the Fire Department on the re-location of any fire hydrants.

b. Water Department Report – submitted by Don Drew

The District has not had a shortage of projects with the water department. The chambers have been cleaned and inspected with good results. We have started the yearly mowing at the chambers, it is about half done. We are working on a water issue on Haverhill Lane that includes locating some valves, lines and blow offs.

c. Water Break, Bear Road-

Resident Kerry McCall reported a water main break on Bear Road at 5:30 PM, Saturday night, July 11. A quick response by Kevin Horne (Horne Excavating), Harold Clough, Chris Demers, Rosalie and Brad Farr had a 6” ductile iron water main with 140 psi back up and running by about 10:30 PM. The chambers and water system are back running at normal capacity. However, Kerry McCall said he did not know exactly who to call or where to call as the office is closed on the weekend. Until further notice, please contact one of the three Commissioners if it is after hours.

3. Recreation Update –

a. Commissioner Beverly Jacobs reported that a discussion of calendar events for the rest of the year was discussed and is posted on the web site. Mike Bonanno has resigned from the recreation committee. The recreation committee needs more residents to be involved to be able to provide activities that the community would like. A recruiting effort will be initiated during the upcoming months. If anyone would like additional information, please contact Beverly Jacobs.

Commissioner Rosalie Farr suggested a movie night on the beach. There is a company in NH that will set up a portable screen and shows movies. Additional information will be needed as to price and set up.

b. Hiking Trails - Bruce Starer brought samples of the trail signs that were made. They are very attractive and informative. He will place them at the beginning of the new trails on posts at a cost of about \$50.00. He also requested volunteers to assist in maintaining the trails, keeping them trimmed etc. The trails are not to be used by motorized vehicles of any kind. They have been purposely made narrow for that reason. In the future, a line item in the budget should be established for trail maintenance. The District will reimburse Bruce Starer for his expenses. Don Hasbrouck suggested that Bruce Starer request that the budget committee set up a line item

to assist in financing any tools or materials for trail work. The budget committee meets in November.

Annemarie Godston said a potluck supper could be planned to celebrate the “Grand Opening” of the trails.

- a. **Pool Compliance** – The pool is in compliance with both State and Federal regulations.
- b. **Pumpkins** – Brian Gaffney planted pumpkins behind the lodge. Hope for a bountiful harvest for the Octoberfest.
- c. **Night Swims** – Due to weather conditions, the budget has allowed an additional evening for night swims.
- d. **Fourth of July** – The fishing tournament was successful in spite of the weather. A total of 20 trophies were given out. The potluck supper on the beach was enjoyed by all.
- e. **Ice Cream Social** – A fun afternoon is scheduled for July 19th between 2 & 4 PM. Bring your own toppings and create your own sundae. Ice cream will be provided.
- f. **Dock Placement** – A resident questioned the safety of the dock placement. The regulation requires a depth of at minimum of 9 feet. The water depth of the dock is 14 feet, which is well below the required depth.

Tom Eighmy asked if the raft could be repaired for the South Lake. Sarah Owen requested that the light be replaced in the pool. Chris Demers said that the cost is approximately \$169 and would require that the pool water level be lowered. Perhaps next year.

4. Planning Board Update –

- a. The Town of Haverhill provided the planning board with a copy of a new driveway permit that has been approved for a lot on Bridgeview Drive. Map 203 – Lot 174.
- b. Zoning Permit Applications – New – None.
- c. Zoning Officer Stan Borkowski provided the board with a detailed status report of the Zoning Permits that are in progress.
- d. The Town of Haverhill Select board listing of lots that are up for bid was the main topic of discussion. The planning board located on the large map in the office with special attention being paid to any that could be waterfront. The Planning Board will request that the office inform all inquiries that Mountain Lakes has a building permit application and that we also adhere to all NH environmental laws. The Planning Board will be discussing any future developments as well as viewing the lots in question.

5. VLAP – Volunteer Lake Assessment Program

Tom Eighmy reported that as of present, Mountain Lakes is free of “Rock Snot”, “Milfoil”, and “Blue Green Algae”. It cannot be stressed hard enough the importance that all canoes, kayaks, and any other water equipment be thoroughly cleaned with chlorine if used elsewhere. Surrounding Lakes and Rivers have been contaminated with Rock Snot, Milfoil, and Blue Green Algae.

Tom Eighmy requested that a spray bottle of chlorine be made available upon request at the snack bar and a “sign” posted by the canoe racks reminding people of the importance of keeping the lakes free of the above.

Tom and Beverly Eighmy stressed the importance of keeping fertilizers, soaps with phosphates, and maintaining septic systems to protect the water quality of our lakes. Waterfront properties should maintain ground cover to prevent runoff and design paths that meander rather than lead directly to the shoreline.

6. **Other** – Joel Godston requested that the Commissioners address several questions he had. The Commissioners requested a copy of the questions and that they would review them with the possibility of being on the agenda of the August meeting on the placing them on the agenda for the August 10, 2009 meeting.

Chris Demers motioned that the meeting be adjourned. Rosalie Farr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Harris